







# DAILY DEMOCRAT.

TUESDAY, - SEPTEMBER 11, 1855.

**Speeches at the Dinner to Gov. Powell.**  
After the salutary address of Dr. Breckinridge, and the response of Gov. Powell, several addresses to toasts were made, upon the call of the audience. As we observed yesterday morning, these addresses were too good to be lost, and we give several of them this morning:

MURKIN'S SPEECH.

MR. CHAIRMAN:—I believe I can say with truth that the city and county candidates, who were defeated in the election, will be the best test of personal amanuensis and regret that are usually felt upon such occasions. Such considerations were in a great measure excluded by stronger feelings, caused by the extraordinary events of the day.

The sun that witnessed our defeat beheld the day of victory, and now, in the dust behind the blood of citizens flowing in the streets. Horror, and pity, and indignation left but little room in our hearts for those feelings of mortification and discomfiture which usually disturb the breasts of defeated candidates.

Mr. Chairman:—I believe I can say with truth that our friends stand as faithfully. Whatever sacrifice we have felt have been fully shared by them. They also share the satisfaction which each of us derive from the reflection that we did our duty in a noble cause and fell battalions for the constitution of our country and the rights it guarantees to all.

I can say for myself, and I hope you can say for all of us, that we are satisfied that we have given to the world an example of the true spirit of religion, liberty, and would drag them to the ground, in the hope that the Catholics may be crushed by the fall. They should remember that Sampson's own body was found a tangled curse in the ruins which he himself had created.

Mr. Chairman:—I believe I can say with truth that this organization is little less than a treasonable attempt to destroy one of the most hallowed fruits of the Revolution—the right of every man, free from responsibility to any earthly power, to worship the Almighty according to the dictates of his own conscience.

It is a ruthless intrusion into the holy of holies of our political sanctuary, which all parties and sects of every hue and aim, have hitherto concurred in regarding as sacred from invasion.

Could the uncounted millions of martyrs, who in all ages and under all forms of government have shed their blood amid the flames and tortures unutterable, been hurried into eternity, he heard to-day, in tones louder than the echoing thunder, they would call upon the Protestant population of this country to beware, how they used in their day to threaten us.

Mr. Chairman:—The damsel is gone, and she will not down at their bidding.

It is a demon whose foot prints have ever been the footprints of crime, and which scoring its desolation into the human heart, has from age to age converted this beautiful earth into a smoking, illuminated hell.

It is a Lopez, who, though he may be dead, still haunts this dunton in that subterranean fortress of the Federal Constitution—not for a thousand years, but forever.

Woe, was unspeakable before that they could have accomplished their purpose, but now that we have been able to come here this day without cutlasses, and with skulls unbroken, as in body, as willing in mind, and as resolved in our hearts to do justice to the hospitals as to our own.

Mr. Chairman:—The sentiment that called me to the floor asserts that we were defeated by violence and fraud. It is unquestionably true that fraud and violence, deeply planned fraud, premeditated and organized, was the cause of our defeat.

Now, however, our opponents assert that they could have and would have defeated us if every vote had been fairly polled. But it surely does not become them, after having used such means for the purpose of defeating us, now to assert that they could have accomplished their purpose, but now that we have been able to come here this day without cutlasses, and with skulls unbroken, as in body, as willing in mind, and as resolved in our hearts to do justice to the hospitals as to our own.

Mr. Chairman:—If such a vote had been taken in a fair contest, then they occupy the attitude of men who plunged into crime merely for the sake of infamy. After Sampson had been captured by means of fraud and treachery, the Philistines no doubt, boasted that they could have whipped him at once, and that the world would remain in the opinion that Sampson would have overcome all his foes if they had met him in fair fight; and such must be the verdict of the world with reference to our contest in this city, and in this Congressional District.

Sir, such a defeat is such a victory.

A famous warrior of the old time, after winning a hard-fought battle, exclaimed with anguish that he was another such victory would destroy him. One such victory as that of the 6th of August will prove sufficient for the destruction of Know-Nothingism in this country, and for the restoration of our Government by restoring its original name, "the State and Commonwealth."

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